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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE OF GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S  
STATEMENT ON CUBANA CRASH

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE CIRCULTED  
BY THE GUYANESE MISSION.

2. QUOTE ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, CDE, FREDERICK R. WILLS,  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE OF GUYANA MADE THE  
FOLLOWING BROADCAST TO THE NATION.

FELLOW GUYANESE,  
TODAY WE MOURN FOR OUR 11 COMRADES WHO LOST  
THEIR LIVES IN LAST WEEK'S DISASTER. FOR US AS A PEOPLE  
THIS IS A NEW, SAD AND DEEPLY MOVING EXPERIENCE. BUT LET  
US MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. OUR COMRADES WHO HAVE PERISHED  
DIED AS A RESULT OF THE STRUGGLE WHICH IS NOW BEING WAGED IN  
GUYANA AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED TERRITORIES TO RID OURSELVES  
OF ECONOMIC DOMINATION AND TO TRANSFORM OUR ECONOMIES SO THAT  
IT COULD SERVE THE NEEDS AND MEET THE OBJECTIVES AND  
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ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE.

FOR SOME MONTHS WE HAVE DRAWN INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES WHICH ARE ENGAGED IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, HAVE ATTRACTED THE SUSTAINED HOSTILITY OF THOSE WHO ARE INTENT ON MAINTAINING OLD POSITIONS OF DOMINATION AND PRIVILEGE. A SUSTAINED CAMPAIGN OF DESTABILISATION HAS BEEN MOUNTED AGAINST GUYANA AND OTHER TERRITORIES. IT IS A CAMPAIGN IN WHICH NO HOLDS BARRED, IN WHICH RUTHLESS MEN EMPLOY EVERY KNOWN TECHNIQUE OF SUBVERSION. THERE ARE MANY WHO HAVE BEEN INCLINED TO CAST DOUBTS ON THE TRUTH OF THESE ASSERTIONS. THE MARTYRDOM OF OUR COMRADES LAST WEEK DEMONSTRATES BEYOND THE SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT WE ARE THE TARGET OF A CAMPAIGN, CAREFULLY PLANNED AND RUTHLESSLY EXECUTED.

THIS TRAGIC EVENT AND THE BOMBINGS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED AT THE AIRPORT IN JAMICA, AT THE THE BWIA OFFICE IN BARBADOS AND AT OUR CONSULATE-GENERAL'S OFFICE IN PORT-OF-SPAIN ARE CLEAR IN THEIR OBJECTIVES, IT IS TO UNDERMINE OUR MORALE, DEFLECT US FROM OUR SOVERIEGN CHOICES AND INSTIL DOUBT IN OUR RESOLUTION. BUT LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE WILL NOT BE EASILY COWED OR DETERRED FROM OUR OBJECTIVES FOR UPON THESE DEPEND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THOSE HIGHER STANDARDS AND HIGHER QUALITY OF LIVING FOR OUR PEOPLES. MOREOVER, HISTORY IS ON OUR SIDE. THE VALIANT PEOPLES OF INDO-CHINA, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE WILL OF ARESOLUTE PEOPLE WILL PREVAIL IN THE END. WE WILL HAVE NO ONE CHOOSE FRIENDS FOR US, WE WILL HAVE NO ONE CHOOSE ENEMIES FOR US. WE WILL REMAIN NON-ALIGNED.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, DEAR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, I PAID A FLYING VISIT LAST WEEKEND TO CONSULT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND LEGAL AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. TI WOULD CLEARLY BE UNWISE AND IMPOLITIC TO DISCLOSE AT THIS STAGE THE EVIDENCE OF THE DELIBERATE SABOTAGE OF THE CUBANA AIRCRAFT. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT THE EVIDENCE IS OVERWHELMING. IT LINKS TO TWO MEN BEING HELD NOT ONLY TO THE SABOTAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT BUT TO THE EXPLOSIONS AT THE BWIA OFFICE IN BRIDGETOWN AND THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR CONSULATE-GENERAL IN PORT-OF-SPAIN. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MOVEMENTS OF THESE MEN, THE EVIDENCE OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THEIR DIARIES, THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE LEADING FIGURES IN THE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE SINCECLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBINGS AND WITH OTHER FIGURES OF DUBIOUS REPUTATION IN SOME OF THE OTHER TERRITORIES- ALL THESE POINT CONCLUSIVELY TO THE NEED AND POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING THEM TO JUSTICE. AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST BE AWARE THAT THE VERY FORCES ON WHOSE BEHALF THEY ARE OPERATING WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

TO PREVENT SUCH ACTION.

IN THIS CONTEXT, WE HAVE BEEN GREATLY HEARTENED BY THE STATEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF BARBADOS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TWO DAYS AGO IN WHICH HE COMMITTED HIS GOVERNMENT TO THE PURSUIT OF A VIGOROUS INVESTIGATION OF THIS ACT OF TERRORISM AND TO ACTION WHICH WOULD ENSURE THAT THIS EVIL WOULD BE WIPED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

THIS DASTARDLY ACT IS A CHALLENGE TO OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND TO OUR FREEDOM- FREEDOM TO CHOOSE OUR OWN PATH OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SO EVEN AS WE MOURN OUR DEAD LET US REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE STRUGGLE FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

IF WE MUST DIE, LET IT NOT BE LIKE HOGS  
HUNTED AND PENNED IN AN INGLORIOUS SPOT,  
WHILE ROUND US BARK THE MAD AND HUNGRY DOGS,  
MAKING THEIR MOCK AT OUR ACCURSED LOT.  
IF WE MUST DIE, O LET US NOBLY DIE,  
SO THAT OUR PRECIOUS BLOOD MAY NOT BE SHED  
IN VAIN'. THEN EVEN THE MONSTERS WE DEFY  
SHALL BE CONSTRAINED TO HONOUR US THROUGH DEAD'.  
O KINSMEN'. WE MUST MEET THE COMMON FOE'.  
THOUGH FAR OUTNUMBERED LET US SHOW BRAVE, AND FOR THEIR THOU-  
SANDS BLOWS DEAL ONE DEATHFLOW'.  
WHAT THOUGH BEFORE US LIES THE OPEN GRAVE?  
LIKE MEN WE'LL FACE THE MUDEROUS, COWARDLY PACK,  
PRESSED TO THE WALL, DYING, BUT FIGHTING BACK'.  
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